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Applicant:

Lukanc et al.

Title:

METHOD OF ENHANCING CLEAR

FIELD PHASE SHIFT MASKS WITH BORDER REGIONS

AROUND PHASE O AND PHASE

180 REGIONS

Appl. No.:

10/016,273

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Unknown

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

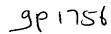
Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the TO THE CAME TO THE TOTAL TO THE CAME TO TH application as follows:

## In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 7, paragraph 21, change to:

Another exemplary embodiment is related to a method of [0021] enhancing clear field phase shift masks with a chrome border around outside edges of phase 0 and phase 180 regions. The method can include assigning phase polarities to phase areas where the phase areas include first phase areas and second phase areas, defining edges of the assigned phase areas, establishing a first boundary around the defined edges of the first phase area, forming a chrome border in the first boundary around the first phase area, establishing a second boundary around the added edges of the second phase area, and forming a phase shift border in the second boundary around the second phase area.



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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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TO TOO STITLE TO Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a [ ] Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- Small Entity statement is enclosed. []
- The fee required for additional claims is calculated below: [ X ]

|                                                            | Claims<br>as<br>Amended |         | Previously<br>Paid For |      | Extra<br>Claims<br>Present |        | Rate     |   | Additional<br>Claims Fee |
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Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for [ ] the total number of months checked below:

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| 1 1 | Extension for response filed within the first month:  | \$110.00          | \$0.00 |
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|     | Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$400.00          | \$0.00 |
| -   | Extension for response filed within the third month:  | \$920.00          | \$0.00 |
|     | Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,440.00        | \$0.00 |
|     | Extension for response filed within the fifth month:  | \$1,960.00        | \$0.00 |
| 1 1 |                                                       | -<br>N FEE TOTAL: | \$0.00 |
|     | CLAIMS AND EXTENSION                                  | <del>-</del>      | \$0.00 |
| . , | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract                     | -                 | \$0.00 |
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- Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1447 in the amount of \$0.00. A [ ] duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed. [ ]
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, postdated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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Respectfully submitted,

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